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### UPDATE: CONCERNS REGARDING THE COLLEGE AFFILIATION PROGRAM AND CONSTRUCTION AT THE DEL VALLE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

This is an update to the memorandum dated November 1, 2012, (attached) informing your Honorable Board of two issues facing the Los Angeles County Fire Department (Department). The first issue is an audit of the College Affiliation Program (CAP) by the State Chancellor's Office. The second issue pertains to the surface rights to construct facilities at the Del Valle Regional Training Center.

### COLLEGE AFFILIATION PROGRAM

1. With the assistance of County Counsel, the Department and College of the Canyons (COC) have agreed upon key elements of a path forward to resolve issues contained in the audit. This framework has been provided to County Counsel who is now working with counsel from COC to develop a draft agreement for approval.
2. Department chief officers and executives from COC have had meetings with the State Fire Marshal's office and the State Chancellor's office to resolve a key issue commonly referred to as asynchronous on-line training. This is a similar methodology that most on-line college courses use. A regulatory change is needed to allow fire departments to use on-line training as do college institutions. Reaction has been favorable. This solution will solve many issues identified in the audit and allow a more robust program than a synchronous training program will allow.

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PALOS VERDES ESTATES  
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ROLLING HILLS  
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ROSEMEAD  
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3. Department field use of the on-line training delivery platform remains scheduled for this month. Using video to enhance the on-line training content is the current focus. To support this enhancement, the Department has identified technology to assist with streaming HD quality video that can be viewed from Department computers in low bandwidth environments, while also conserving space on COC's servers.

## **DEL VALLE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER**

The Department continues to work with representatives from the Chief Executive Office, Real Estate Division (CEO/RED), County Counsel, and Public Works to resolve outstanding surface rights issues with Vintage Production Company (Vintage). CEO/RED has negotiated with Vintage for the waiver of surface rights for 8.1 acres and is currently negotiating for an additional 1.2 acres for a planned telecommunications outbuilding, an existing administrative building, and support facilities.

At a meeting on December 6, 2012, representatives from Vintage stated they have experienced a number of personnel changes which has delayed the processing of the waiver of the additional surface rights. Their goal is to have the waiver approved within the next two weeks. Once the waiver of surface rights is obtained and Vintage approves the proposed electrical and water infrastructure work, the CEO and the Department will establish a capital project for design and construction.

I will provide your Board with another update on these two important issues within 60 days. If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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This is an update to the memorandum dated August 31, 2012, (attached) informing your Honorable Board of two issues facing the Los Angeles County Fire Department (Department). The first issue is an audit of the College Affiliation Program (CAP) by the State Chancellor's Office. The second issue pertains to the surface rights to construct facilities at the Del Valle Regional Training Center.

The Department is working with County Counsel and College of the Canyons (COC) to resolve the issues raised in the CAP audit and to revise the Instructional Service Agreement (ISA). A framework for a proposed resolution is being discussed with COC and will be presented to County Counsel for comments within the next month.

Department battalion chiefs have completed the required training to function as COC on-line instructors. Fall of 2012 training course content has been uploaded onto COC's on-line platform. Field use of the on-line training delivery platform remains on schedule for January 2013.

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